Commanders Give Reasons for Resenting Failure of

Recommendations. Though the forthcoming inquiry by the Senate and House naval committees into the controversy over the award of medals to officers who served during the war may be interesting in developing the point at issue between Secretary Daniels and Rear Admiral William S. Sims, it is not thought at the Navy Department that any new feature of the dissension

will be brought to light. will be brought to light.

Secretary Daniels said yesterday that he courted the fullest publicity, and he shortly will send to Chairman Page of the Senate naval affairs committee a complete report of the compilation of the tentative list of awards without waiting for the joint committee to act. Chairman Page requested such a report early last week and it will be sent as soon as it can be compiled.

Report by Board of Awards.

The only thing in connection with the recommendation that has not been made public to date is the report made to the Secretary by the board of awards, of which Rear Admiral Austin M. Knight is chairman, and this, it was learned yesterday, will be given out within a few days. It is understood that the report when made public will contain the name of every man in the Navy recom-mended for a decoration, the award recommended by his superior officer. the board of awards and the com-mander of the fleet, and the decora-tion finally approved by the Secre-

All of the voluminous correspondance in connection with the recom-mendation for decorations will be turned over to the Knight board when it reconvenes January 5, at the order of Secretary Daniels, to recon-aider the entire matter, unless the papers are required by the joint congressional committee, which will begin its hearings on that date or shortly thereafter.

To Be Called by Committee.

Representative Lufkin, republican, Massachusetts, a member of the House committee on naval affairs, yesterday announced the purpose of the two committees to conduct a joint investigation of the controversy, and said that Secretary Daniels, Admiral Knight, Admiral Sims and other officers would be called before the joint committee, which does not need special authorization for its inquiry. Changes made by Mr. Daniels in the board's list of awards, as well as the action of the board on each case, will be examined, said Mr. Lufkin.

When the second report is received When the second report is received from the Knight board by Secretary Daniels it is understood that he will forward it at once to the White House, so that final approval may be given by the chief eventure in person.

the chief executive in person.

The Secretary said yesterday he hoped the revised awards could be accepted without change. He indicated that he believed the principal reasons for differences between the first and second reports of the board would be based on additional evidence concerning the war records of some of those recommended for decorations.

The names of Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, who commanded the American naval forces in French waters, and of Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who commanded the Atlantic fleet during the war, were yesterday added to the list of officers who have written to the Secretary regarding the awards. Others who have made protests are Vice Admiral Hilary P. tests are Vice Admiral Hilary P.
Jones, commander of squadron two of
the Atlantic fleet; Rear Admiral
Decker, commanding the seventh
naval district, with headquarters at
Key West, and Capt. Raymond D. Hasbrouck, who commands the battleship
Minnesota. Admiral Jones and Capt.
Hasbrouck have, with Admiral Sims,
refused to accept the medals for which
they have been recommended.

Letters Made Public.

Navy Department last night made public copies of letters received by Mr. Daniels from Admirals Jones. Mayo and Decker and Capt. Has-brouck. That from Admiral Jones

goes at some length into the service he rendered during the war, begin-ning as commander of a squadron of the patrol force; later of a squadron of the cruiser force; still later as com mander of the Newport News division cruiser and transport force, and finally as administrator of harbor floating equipment in Hampton roads district.

"It is submitted," the letter said.
"that if the discharge of these highly responsible and largely independent duties were so successful as to meet the department's approval, the responsible officer should be recognized commensurately, and those subordinates whom he recommended as here. nates whom he recommended as having contributed directly to that success should also be recognized. If, on the contrary, the duties outlined above were not successfully carried out to the satisfaction of the depart-ment there should be no award of decorations."

In view of these considerations Admiral Jones said he felt it "my duty to the dignity and importance of the forces operated and the work accomplished by them" to request that the award to him of a Navy cross be can-

miral Mayo declared it was evithere had been "a misconcep-" in considering recommendations decorations he made as commander of the fleet, many of which, he added, were not carried out. The let-ter notes that no member of Admiral Mayo's staff received a decoration except his chief of staff, and asserts that an admiral's success rests to a large extent upon the "loyalty, initia-tive and efficiency" of his staff per-

Failure to recognize adequately the service of men on such duty, it said, creates an impression that such duty is of minor importance," not com-parable to command of a single ship. Such an impression, it said, "would be fatal to the development of the Navy as a fighting machine."

Renews Recommendations.

Admiral Mayo renewed his recom-mendations and urged that recon-sideration be given meritorious cases. Admiral Decker's letter notes that he had been awarded a Navy cross under the published list in recognition of his services as naval attache at

'In my opinion," it says, "this award is entirely inadequate to the services that were performed by the office of the naval attache and those who worked with me. The effect of this work was to keep Spain from entering the war against us at the time of the enemy March offensive of 1918, also a reduction of the submarine activities off the coast of Spain. • • • While it may be impossible to prove that the work done did produce the results claimed, I have been assured that this

Capt. Hasbrouck's letter is a terse indorsement of Admiral Sims' posi-tion, stating that the writer has "a higher regard for Admiral Sims' views on matters affecting the morale of the naval service than those of any other officer." It was because of this concurrence, Capt. Hasbrouck added. en from the Navy cross award list.

Postal Pay Commission Will Meet NEW ORLEANS, December 27 .- The joint commission of senators and representatives on postal salaries will meet here January 5, it was announc-ed at the Federal building today. Most of the time will be devoted to hear-ings, it was said. Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama, is chairman of

Text of Letters of Naval Officers Declining Honors

mander was directly responsible. During the time from April 1 until the signing of the armistice only

transport division commander, on August 20, 1918, all floating equip-ment belonging to the Army, Navy

ment belonging to the Army, Navy and shipping board in the Hampton roads district was pooled for operation under me as administrator. The responsibility for the operation of this floating equipment rested entirely with the administrator and was to that extent independent.

independent.
It is submitted that if the dis-

charge of these highly responsible and largely independent duties was so successful as to meet the de-

partment's approval the responsi-ble officer should be recognized commensurately; and those subor-dinates whom he recommended as

having contributed directly to that success should also be recognized. If, on the contrary, the duties outlined above were not successfully carried out to the satisfaction of

the department, there should be no award of decorations. The success

or non-success of these duties I leave to the record of achievement and to the recommendation of the

commander cruiser and transport

quest that the recommendation of

the award of the Navy cross to me be canceled, and that such award

Rear Admiral Decker's Letter. It has been brought to my at-tention by public notices that I have been recommended for reward of

the Navy cross.

In my opinion, this award is en-

tirely inadequate to the services that were performed by the office of naval attache and those who worked with me. The effect of this work was to keep Spain from entering the war against us at the time of the enemy March offensive

time of the enemy March offensive of 1918, also a reduction of the submarine activities off the coast

of Spain.

If my estimate of the situation is incorrect and I am mistaken as to the work done, then I feel that a cross should not be awarded for my services. While it may be impossible to prove that the work done did produce the results claimed. I have been assured that this was the case.

was the case.

This letter is not written in any spirit of fault-finding or objection to the award of the board that was

organized for this purpose. I do not desire honors to which I am not entitled; on the other hand, I

not entitled; on the other hand, I feel that it is just, feeling as I do, not to permit the services of the officers and men who were associated with me to be taken so lightly. The work done by Mr. F. J. Marion, Mr. W. A. Shadburne and Mr. Howell was of the greatest value to the country.

If my estimate is correct, my services and the services of those who worked with me, in spite of the opposition of the ambassador, are certainly greater than the work

are certainly greater than the work done by any single battleship in the war or by any official stationed

on shore duty in an administrative

The recommendations that I made

BENTON C. DECKER.

for crosses for the personnel were made after very careful consid-

Capt. R. De L. Hasbrouck's Letter. In view of my strong personal conviction of the fitness and jus-

tice of Admiral Sims' summing up of the underlying reasons for the award of naval honors, and as set forth in articles fifteen and sixteen of his letter of 17 December, 1919,

capacity.

eration.

HILARY P. JONES.

be not made.

In view of the above, I feel it my duty to the dignity and importance of the forces operated and the work accomplished by them to re-

The text of the letters to Secretary of the Navy Daniels from Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, Vice Admiral Hilary P. Jones, Rear Admiral Benton C. Decker and Capt, R. De L. Hasbrouck dealing with the tentative list of decorations to naval officers follows: naval officers follows:

Rear Admiral Mayo's Letter. A careful examination of the list of officers to whom have been awarded the distinguished service medal and the Navy cross, shows that in many cases the recommendations of the commander-in-chief, United States fleet, were not carried dations of the commander-in-cnier, United States fleet, were not carried

It is apparent that there has been a misconception of the nature of the responsibility of the duties of various officers and of the value of their services in bringing about

of their suctory.
ultimate victory.
were All recommendations for awards which originated with or were passed upon by the commander-inchief. United States fleet, were carefully considered in order to establish a uniform standard of retablish a uniform standard of responsibility and distinction upon which might be based the com-mander-in-chief's action as to his recommendation.

No one not intimately connected

with the operations of the fleet is so well qualified to establish the relative importance of the services performed by subordinates as is the immediate commander. Leaving aside whatever other omissions exist, it is desired to emphasize the omission of awards to any members of the staff of the commander-in-chief. United States fleet, except the award of the Navy cross to the chief of staff.

The awards as published indi-

cate a failure to appreciate the cate a faintre to appreciate the valuable services performed by the staffs of the commander-in-chief and of the several other fleet forces. An admiral's success in a position of great responsibility is always dependent to a large ex-tent upon the loyalty, initiative and efficiency of the members of his staff.

The omission of recognition of the value of the duty performed by these officers in the planning and supervision of the training and military operations of the fleet, due to the efficacy of which duty the efficient manning of transports, cargo and naval vessels was pos-sible, and by virtue of which success upon the sea was assured, creates the impression that such duty is of minor importance and not to be considered or compared with duty such as the command of a single ship.

Such an impression would be fa-tal to the development of the Navy as a fighting machine. The ship is but an element of the force or fleet which, without plans for its effective use in co-ordinate opera-tions with other vessels and types of vessels, is of little value. In all armies and in most navies the importance of staff duty is recognized by the selection and detail for such duty of the most efficient and able officers in the serv-

Efficient staff work is absolutely indispensable to the conduct of high command. Officers who stand out pre-eminently in their stand out pre-eminently in their services to the fleet, the Navy and the country, as did the officers of my staff, whom I had the privilege of recommending for awards, cannot be considered as less worthy of distinction than those officers who had occasion to display their ability in more consciences. ability in more conspicuous employment.

It is possible that the value of the services of many officers of my the services of many officers of my recent command have been overlooked, due to the short statement of facts in their citation. It may be that I failed to realize that the value of their services would not be so apparent to others as to me, and consequently their citations lacked full emphasis. The benefit and advantage of their marked ability were so well known to me that I may have considered it equally well known to those who would make the ultimate decision as to the awards.

I wish again to place on record the extremely important and valuable

Vice Admiral Hilary P. Jones' Letter

According to the list of awards, as published in the Army and Navy Register of 13 December, which has just come to my notice, I am to be awarded the Navy cross. If this list is correctand I assume that it is—I desire to bring to the attention of the

to bring to the attention of the department the following:

My services during the war began 7 April, 1917, and are set forth below, as follows:

Commander first squadron, patrol force, afloat.

trol force, afloat.
Commander first division, cruiser force (raider guard), afloat.
Commander Newport News division, cruiser and transport force,

Administrator of harbor float-ing equipment in Hampton roads district.

As commander Newport News di-vision of the cruiser and trans-port forces, beginning April 1, 1918, I was in a sea status and exercised the functions of senior

officer present afloat for all cruisers and foreign men-of-war entering Hampton roads, in accordance with the orders of the commander-in-chief. Atlantic feet

in-chief, Atlantic fleet. As such senior officer present afloat it was necessary to fly the flag from a flagship in order to control the movements of men-of-war and

transports entering Hampton roads. For the other work, in connection with the repair, outfitting and fueling of transports, it was necessary to have offices in Newport

News.
Although the commander of the Newport News division of the cruiser and transport force was under the command of the force commander, the latter was in New York, and therefore the duty at Hampton roads and Newport News was in the nature of detached duty, and full responsibility was thrown on the division commander.

During this time somewhat even

thrown on the division commander.

During this time somewhat over a quarter of a million troops were embarked from the Hampton roads district under the direct supervision of the division commander; local convoys were organized and escort cruisers sailed under his direction; through mined waters and waters where enemy submarines

waters where enemy submarines were known to be operating. There were attached to the Newport News division of the transport force sixteen transports, for the turn

around of which the division com-

from the list of awards of the Navy cross. I have a higher regard for Adas to the awards.

I wish again to place on record the extremely important and valuable services rendered by certain members of my late staff, whose names were included in my recommendations for awards, in the arrangements made for organizing and administering the fleet and for training the personnel to meet the rapid expansion due to mobilization; in the development of efficient means and improved methods of operating the fleet both tactically and strategically, and in the application to the operations and administration of the fleet of the information and experience gained by them during two trips of inspection and observation through the theater of operations, during which trips they were in actual contact with active operations and war-time administration.

In fact, it is the opinion of many officers of high rank that the accomplishments in regard to improvements in the operations and administration of the fleet made during the war, which were so largely due to the valuable services of my staff, are of lasting importance and of the greatest benefit to the future efficiency to the fleet. The remarkable development particularly in tactics has been mentioned in the recent report of the Secretary of the Navy. This development was the result of the efficient work of my staff.

The recognition of officers' services in war forms a very important and valuable part of an officer's record, upon which may well rest his future assignment to duty and his selection to higher rank. A review and reconsideration of meritorious cases are earnestly recommended.

H. T. MAYO.

Vice Admiral Hilary P. Jones Letter.

According to the list of awards, miral Sims' views on matters af-fecting the morale of the naval service than those of any other officer. Concurring so unreserved-ly in his views, I cannot, consist-ently and with honesty to myself, accept an honor which I personally feel is undeserved. R. DE L. HASBROUCK.

NEGRO SUSPECT DRAGGED TWO MILES BEHIND AUTO

WILMINGTON, N. C., December 27.
—While being rushed to Raleigh for safe keeping following his arrest for the murder of R. M. Brown, a white man, a negro named Green was taken from officers by a mob and fastened by the neck to the rear axle of an automobile, after which he was dragged for two miles and then hanged to a tree.

During the fight between officers and members of the mob, the negro broke away but was recaptured by the

GEN. R. W. YOUNG DIES.

Commanded Sixty-Fifth Artillery

Gen. Young was a grandson of Brigham Young. He was born in 1858 and appointed to West Point in 1878. He served in the Spanish-American war and commanded the Utah artillery, with the rank of major, in the Philippines. When the United States entered the world war he was made colonel of the 145th Field Artillery and commanded the regiment at Camp Kearny, Calif. He was promoted to brigadier general April 12, 1918, and sent to France.

At the conclusion of the Philippine April 12, 1918, and sent to France.

At the conclusion of the Philippine insurrection Gen. Young was associate justice and president of the criminal branch of the supreme court

Two More Caught in Gun Fight

COMMUNIST STUDENTS MEET.

Americans Taking Part in Interna-

tional Congress at Geneva. GENEVA, Friday, December 26 (Havas).—The international congress of socialist and communist students began its sessions here today. About thirty English, German, Swiss, Jugoslav, Austrian and American delegates were in attendance. The French representatives have not yet arrived. The congress will sit for several days.

ARTHUR WOODS APPOINTED.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 27.—Announcement was made today of the appointment of Arthur Woods of New york as chairman of the Americaniza-tion commission of the American Legion. Mr. Woods formerly was police com-missioner of New York. The commission will meet in Indian-apolis January 19, it was said here to-day. Each state in the Union will be day. Each state in the Union will be represented.

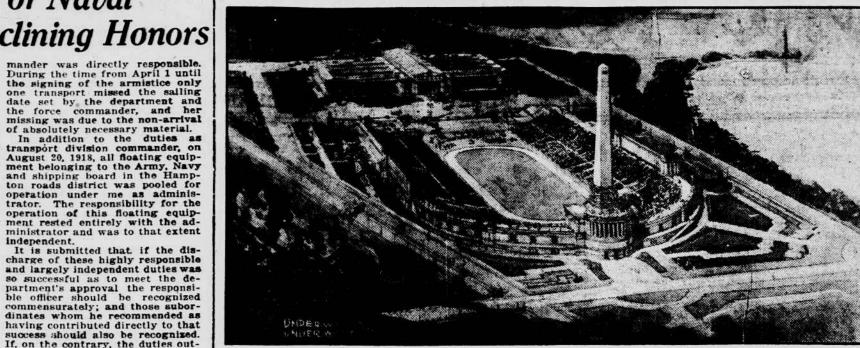
HANG GROCER ON WALL:

FOUND HANGING BY GIRL NEW YORK, December 27 .- Four NEW YORK, December 27.—Four robbers entered a grocery store here late today, bound Vincent Santarsier, the proprietor, hand and foot, and then hanged him by the neck from a wall bracket while they looted his safe and cash register of \$418.

A little girl, sent to the store on an errand, saw the body suspended and notified the police. The man was alive when cut down. After regaining his breath he closed his store and went home,

St. Restaurant 1427 F St. N.W.

CHICAGO STADIUM TO BE WORLD'S LARGEST.



The proposed new stadium, to be erected on the lake front, south of Roosevelt road, Chicago, will be the largest in the world and will seat 100,000, or 30,000 more than the Ynle bowl, at present the world's largest stadium. It will have a stage at one end that will seat 15,000 additional and is expected to be completed in two years at approximate cost of \$1,500,000. Holabird & Roche, architects, won the \$5,000 prize offered by the South Park board of commissioners for the best set of plans.

Two Holidays Hold Up

PARIS, December 27.—Christ-mas and New Year day will set the French Academy back two weeks in its work of re-vising the French dictionary, which, according to the best es-timates, will be completed in 2020 or 2025.

The two holidays this year happen to fall on Thursday, the only day of the week on which

Academy members began the present revision in 1878, forty-

ne years ago, and have reached

during the war, it is suggested, will impose new tasks on the revisionists.

VILLA HINTS HE WILL

AVENGE ANGELES DEATH

Letter to Associated Press Is Dated

December 10 at Muzquiz,

Which He Raided.

EL PASO, Tex., December 27 (by

the Associated Press) .- Gen. Fran-

Angeles, intellectual leader under Villa, and hinted at reprisal on those who had a part in the "assassination."

zistas, and we proclaim to the world that Gen. Angeles was an honorable man and that no just tribunal in the world would have sentenced him to death. His sole crime consisted in never having been a Carranzista. Mark this well, so that when the time arrives for justice toward Mexicans there can be held to accountability those who are responsible for

bility those who are responsible for the assassination of a patriot whom

we deeply mourn. "Muzquiz, Coahuila, December 10, 1919.

"The General-in-chief,
"FRANCISCO VILLA."

Gen. Angeles was executed at Chihuahua City November 26, after being found guilty of rebellion by a military court. He was a graduate of Chapultepec Military School, was an officer in the army of President Diaz and took part in the Madero revolution. In the world war Angeles offered his services to the French and was awarded the Legion of Honor medal for his work as an artillery expert.

Idaho to Act on Suffrage.

BOISE, Idaho, December 27.—Gov. D. W. Davis today called a special

one-day session of the Idaho legisla-ture for February 11 to ratify the na-tional suffrage amendment. The formal call stipulates that no other legislation may be considered.

paid for a higher-priced model.

Coining of many new words

the forty immortals assemble.

Century-Long Task

FARE TO BE PAID WITH METAL TOKEN

D. C. Traction Companies to Adopt System That Abolishes Paper Tickets.



The Capital Traction Company has eceived a small shipment of the metal okens which are to replace paper ickets on the street cars of the District within a few weeks.

The tokens are about the size of a dime. The letter W is carved in the center. The border on one side bears the names of both companies and on the other side is the statement that it is good for one fare in the District of Columbia.

Associated Press.—Gen. Francisco Villa, in a letter addressed to the Associated Press at El Paso and received today, protested the execution by Carranza troops of Gen. Felipe Angeles, intellectual leader under Villa, and hinted at reprisal on those

of Columbia. Each Company Buys Million.

Each company is buying a million tokens, which will mean two million in circulation. They will be sold four for a quarter, the present rate for tickets.

Under the ticket system the companies make regular settlements with The letter contains the first authentic statement direct from Villa concerning the Angeles case received in the United States. The letter follows:

"For the Associated Press:

"I. Francisco Villa, and all the



ent and can be redeemed by each com-pany at the end of the month. This system will not be possible with the tokens, as they will all be alike.

How Plan Is Mapped Out. Each company will start the new system with a million tokens, and if one company runs low in its supply by selling more than it collects it will buy some back from the other company at their face value. A settlement between the com-panies only will become necessary if it is decided at any time to abolish the tokens. If at that time one com-pany has more tokens on hand than the other an adjustment will be made.

FLOUR LICENSE REVOKED.

Lawton Grain Company Under Ban by U. S. Grain Corporation.

in France.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. December 27.—Revocation of the wheat and wheat flour license of the Lawton Grain Company at Lawton, Okla., with fifteen branch of gade in France during the war, died here tonight, following an operation for appendicitis, performed a week ago.

See Young was a grandson of the notice. ther notice.

The licenses were revoked, a grain

The licenses were revoked, a grain corporation statement says, because of the company's failure properly to reflect the guarantee price of wheat to producers, failure to furnish information requested by the corporation, and failure to make refunds to producers as ordered by D. F. Piazzek, vice president of the corporation, who gave the company a hearing recently at Kansas City, Mo.

After Bank Theft.

ATOKA, Okla., December 27.—One alleged bank robber was killed and two men were captured after a gun fight with a sheriff's posse in the hills nine miles south of here at noon today.

The posse recovered about \$1,200 believed to have been part of the \$2,400 cash taken from the State Bank of Bromide, Okla., Wednesday last.

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NEW RATE ON GAS PROBLEM FOR 1920

Fares and Phone Charges Also Questions for

commission fixed for the public service corporations of the city during the last few months were for periods of six months only, meaning that early in 1920 these rate schedules will have to be reopened and considered again.

Gas Rate Expires April 1. On May 1 the street car fare is scheduled to go back to 5 cents unless otherwise ordered in the meantime. The Washington Railway and Electric Company has given out figures showing that it is not earning enough to pay the 6 per cent on its valuation allowed by the commission, which indicates that that company probably will appeal to the commission before May 1 for a reconsideration of the rate of fare. Telephone Rates.

Also, on May 1 the present tele-thone rates fixed by the Post Office

open hearings.

In order to give itself time to consider the evidence submitted before the dates when the present rates expire, the hearings on these three problems will have to be held early in the year. May Aim at Car Merger.

Further efforts to bring about a merger of the two street car companies no doubt will be made if the commission holds hearings on street car rates before May 1, the date fixed for the re-turn of the 5-cent fare. The question of telephone rates

the commission on December 1 con tinued for six months the rates fixed by the Post Office Department the telephone company informed the com mission that, while it was not earn-ing a fair return at the present rates, it would not ask for an increase at that time chiefly because it was not in a position to tell the commission exactly how much more the company needed.
Officials of the company said that

as soon as they could form some idea of what effect the reduction of war activities in the District would hav on telephone business here in the near future, the company would be in better position to tell what its future needs would be.

The commission in recent decisions limited the rates fixed to six months on the theory that present conditions are not normal and therefore might

make revisions necessary in the

LLOYD GEORGE DEFENDS

between Great Britain and the United

"President Wilson recognized the justice and fairness of the claim put forward in behalf of the British em-

BELLE ISLE WORKERS

LEAGUE VOTING PLAN

Long Known to Police. The prisoner, who is thirty years old, has been known to the police for many years. He was a resident of Essex court before he entered the

"For the Associated Press:

"I, Francisco Villa, and all the chiefs of the revolutionary army, which is under my command, since I speak in their names, protest vehemently against the assassination of Gen. Felipe Angeles, ordered by the traitor, Venustiano Carranza, and carried into effect by the Carranzistas, and we proclaim to the world that Gen. Angeles was an honorable street, paying \$6 for it. Last night

he loitered about the vicinity of 19th and Webster streets, where he select-ed several prosperous-looking persons to rob, according to his story. Each person he selected, he declared, either disappeared into a house or got out of his way. He concluded to try the northeast section. Barrett had but 80 cents in his

CHASED BY WOMEN TO POLICE STATION

Alleged Hold-Up Man Gets Into Trouble in Ninth Precinct.

How an alleged hold-up man was chased by his prospective woman victims last night into the ninth precinct station is a story which comes from the police station.

police with being the hold-up man. To Mrs. Julia Martin of 720 Maryland ave-Mrs. Julia Martin of 720 Maryland ave- after May 1 also is likely to necessinue northeast and Miss Josephine Klug tate a lengthy public hearing. When of 809 Maryland avenue northeast are ascribed the roles of heroines extraor-Women Accosted in Street.

According to the police, they were stopped near 9th and D streets northeast by Barrett, who told them to hoist their hands and "fork over the cash."

Miss Klug gave a demonstration of vocalized lung power. The attention of other pedestrians was attracted. Barrett started on a run, followed by the women. The chase ended when Barrett scurried into the door of the ninth precinct station, according to bluecoats there.

Policeman Lomax searched the man

and relieved him of a revolver and a supply of twenty cartridges. He was locked up on charges of attempted robbery and carrying concealed

Yesterday morning, he stated, he purchased a pistol at a store on D street, paying \$6 for it. Last night pire," said the premier.

He recounted the fight in the United States on the treaty, which he termed "the folly of America en-

tering upon party warfare when try-ing to settle the difficulties and trou-bles ensuing from the great war." pockets when arrested. He will be given a hearing in the Police Court STARVATION THREATENS

PRIMARY LAW BULING.

Candidates Must Promise to Qualify, Dakota Attorney General Holds

PIERRE, S. D., December 27.—In an opinion tonight Attorney General Payne of South Dakota held that under the Richards primary law all candidates for President or Vice Presdent of the United States, regardless of party or whether nominated by party conventions, by minority proposal men or by petition, must file a declaration that they will qualify if nominated and elected to office.

Otherwise their names cannot be placed on the ballots at the March primaries.

BELLE ISLE WORKERS

QUEBEC, December 27.—Fifteen persons in the government lighthouse and wireless station at Belle Isle face death by starvation because of the failure of the delivery of their winter provisions. A telegram received here from Belle Isle hat high the government employes, including two lighthouse keepers, three wireless operators, and their wives and children, were isolated from the rest of the world and had only a scanty supply of provisions on hand. The government steamer Aronmoor, loaded with provisions for their relief, foundered a few weeks ago. The food was then transferred to the government steamer Montcalm, now at Bonne bay. Newfoundland, but she has been delayed in reaching the government stations because of the bad wasther and ice poeks. The montcalm is only a day's run from Belle Island.

Dennis Barrett is charged by the

Policeman Lomax searched the may

Army and served with the 17th Infantry.

"I needed the money," is said to be the story of the hold-up failure to Lieut. Yulee Hodges at the station. "I was not particular from whom I took it."

Barrett said he was discharged

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\$75.00, \$90.00 and \$110.00

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Steinway Duo-Art Pianolas Veber Duo-Art Pianolas Acolian Vocalions

Our after-Xmas specials we offer this year are unusually attractive. We

TERMS ARRANGED IF DESIRED ...

Utilities Commission.

The new year will bring with it a number of weighty problems for the Public Utilities Commission of the Dis-

On April 1 the present rate of 95 cents per thousand cubic feet for gas will expire. The commission will have to decide before that date whether that rate is to continue or be changed.

On May 1 the street car fare is scheduled to see here.

MR. IVAN HEIDEMAN DESIRES TO AN Department while the company was under government control will ex-pire. This will mean a thorough consideration of the needs of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone
Company before that date.

The rates of all three of these utilities
are questions of vital interest to the
public and undoubtedly will necessitate

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OFFICE OF JOHN H. WILKINS CO., INC., 519-533 R. I. ave. n.e., Wash., D. C. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the John H. Wilkins Co., Inc., will be held at its principal office, 519 R. I. ave. n.e., Monday, January 19, 1920, at 3 celock, for the election of directors and such business as may come before said meeting. Stock transfer books closed Jan. 1, 1920, and remain so until after election. JOHN H. WILKINS
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LONDON, December 27.—Premier Lloyd George, speaking at Llany-stymdwy, Wales, today, defended the voting arrangements of the league of nations. He said that Australia lost as many men as the United States in the war and had as much right to vote as the United States. This vote, however, he added, would not be used on any question arising to the league of the league of the club, Southern Building, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, January 6, 1920, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the many beginning year, and for such other business as many be properly brought before gaid meeting. FOUR OLD WOOD FLOORS FLANED.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHARE-holders of the Federal National Bank of Washington will be held at its banking house TUES-DAY, January 13, 1920, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls open from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

JOHN POOLE, President.

OFFICE OF MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE Company of the District of Columbin, cor. 13th st. and New York ave., December 13, 1919.—Policy holders are notified that policies expire at noon on the last Monday in December (29th instant), and the rate of renewal for 1920 is 1 per centum on the premium notes. The managers have ordered paid to the policy beliefers a return of savings according to the value of each policy on the thirty-first day of last December, Policies must be presented for indersement of the payments, except where held in connection with loans, in which case they should be brought in later to have duplicate payments entered. PLEASE ATTEND EARLY AND AVOID THE CROWD.

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LANSING, Mich., December 27.

Nominating petitions filed for Truman H. Newberry and James W. Helme in the senatorial primary of 1918 have been ordered produced at the trial of Senator Newberry and 134 others indicted on charges of violating the state and federal election laws. The trial is to begin before United States District Judge C. W. Sessions January 27. Secretary of State Vaughan will appear personally with the petitions.

Helme, former state dairy and food commissioner, who was a candidate commissioner, who was a candidate for the democratic nomination, was among those indicted. It was charged he entered the contest at the behest of the Newberry campaign organiza Car Shortage Cuts Coal Output KNOXVILLE, Tenn., December 27. A shortage of coal cars in the South-ern Appalachian district is holding up the production of coal to about onethird the normal output, according to

PETITIONS TO BE SHOWN **NEWBERRY CASE JURORS**

J. E. McCoy, secretary of the Sout-ern Appalachian Coal Operators' Ass ciation here, who states that the pro-duction is being kept to about five hun-dred or six hundred cars daily, by the lack of transportation facilities. Pres-

ent production just about meets the demand in this section. SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE AMERICAN SECURITY AND TRUST Company has declared a dividend of 3 per cent on its capital sttock of \$3,400,000, payable January 10, 1920, to the stockholders of record on December 31, 1919, and the transfer bookwill be closed from January 1 to 19, inclusive. CHARLES J. BELL, President. JAMES F. HOOD, Secretary.

WILL PERSON WHO WITNESSED AUTOmobile accident Park road and 13th st. night nobile accident Park road and 13th st. of September 9th call Columbia 4727?

counce the removal of his law offices to suite 219 Maryland building, 1410 H st. n.w. 20* MADAME ANDRE ANNOUNCES To her many patrons of the American Army that she will leave Vendeuvre January 1, 1920, to take charge of the Hotel Terminus, at Troyes, 16 boulevard Carnot.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

JOHN H. WILKINS CO., INC. The semi-annual dividend of 4% on the preferred stock of the John H. Wilkins Co., Inc., will be paid on January 8, 1920, to shareholders of record Jan. 1, 1920, Dividend checks mailed.

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new. C. Adams, 607 G st. n.w. Frank. 2518. 3°
OFFICE OF THE FIREMEN'S INSURANCE
Company of Washington and Georgetown, 7th
street and Louisiana avenue northwest—The
stockholders of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown will meet
at the office on Monday, January 5th. 1829, for
the purpose of electing thirteen directors for
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